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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
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Dear Senator Lugar,

On behalf of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation ("IndyGo"), please accept this letter as a formal request to be considered for federal funding in the **FY'09 federal appropriations process**. This letter is intended to provide you with a concise description of the important projects for which we are seeking federal assistance.

Fixed Route Bus Fleet Expansion — In 2005, a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) was completed providing a detailed strategy for increasing transit service in the Indianapolis region over a 15-year period. The COA recommended that 20 – 30 buses be added to the fleet annually in the initial 3 years. The COA was a critical portion of the Regional Rapid Transit Study (Directions) conducted by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which included many public meetings. The availability of more buses in the IndyGo fleet means more frequency of service and reach into underserved areas of the community. It has been documented that with more frequency of service more choice riders will utilize the service as an alternative for commuting to employment in single occupancy vehicles; thereby, reducing reliance on automobiles, expense for travel, dependence on fossil fuels, and improving quality of life. *IndyGo respectfully requests \$5.04 million in FY'09 appropriations for the procurement of 20 large fixed route buses to expand the IndyGo fleet.*

Facility Replacement – Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning — Over the past five years, portions of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning ("HVAC") system have been repaired and parts replaced to keep the working environment satisfactory. However, multiple system failures are occurring and replacement parts for the aging system are no longer available. This is original equipment installed in 1984 and has well exceeded the life expectancy. Replacing the ventilation system is critical to the removal of toxic and poor air quality in the bus and maintenance areas. It is costing more each year to maintain the original HVAC system for this property. IPTC needs to replace the entire HVAC system, which has outlived its useful life and has become very costly to maintain and repair. This project will provide funding for replacement of the HVAC system for the entire IndyGo facility which includes administrative and bus maintenance areas. *IndyGo respectfully requests \$6.4 million in FY'09 appropriations for the replacement of the entire HVAC system at the IndyGo facility.*

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Facility Replacement – Maintenance area lifts and equipment — Over the past twenty years a number of the bus lifts have been repaired and parts replaced to keep them working properly and safely. However, failures are occurring and replacement parts for the aging equipment is no longer available. This is original equipment installed in 1984 and has well exceeded the life expectancy. Each year, it is costing more to maintain the original bus lifts, which are essential to properly servicing buses and other IndyGo vehicles. ***IndyGo respectfully requests \$1.6 million in FY'09 appropriations for the replacement of the maintenance area lifts and related equipment.***

On behalf of IndyGo and all its users, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your past help in securing federal funds for key local projects. Once again, we look forward to working with you and your staff throughout this appropriations process. As always, we would greatly appreciate any support you can provide in helping to secure federal funding for the critical infrastructure projects and programs identified above. If you require any additional information on any of these projects, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gilbert L. Holmes", written in dark ink.

Gilbert L. Holmes,
President & CEO